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| (X) | No additional fee | | | |
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By Rennae Johnson

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2004, please consider the amended claims and remarks that follow. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

No amendments are made to the claims. However, the claims are presented below beginning on page 2 for ease of reference.

Remarks begin on page 6.